



HOUSING RIGHTS, FAIR HOUSING ADVOCATES, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, AND OTHER RESOURCES

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Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) Tenant/Landlord Hotline	Montana tenants and landlords	Rights and responsibilities of Montana renters and landlords. Information on rental agreements, security deposits, responsibilities, etc., and other available resources.	Staffed only during the university school year. However, Web site information can be accessed and printed out year around.	First visit the Web site for information (available year around). If more assistance is needed, phone or e-mail the hotline (see note). Web site: http://www.montpirg.org/hotline/index.html E-mail: mthotline@pirg.org Phone: 888.345.7474 (if outside Missoula) 406.243.2907 (in Missoula area)
Montana Fair Housing	Montana consumers	Private, nonprofit provides fair housing information and support, responds to inquiries and discriminatory housing complaints, and investigates allegations of housing discrimination across Montana.		Please visit the Web site for information. If more assistance is needed, phone or e-mail them. Web site: http://www.fairhousing.montana.com/ E-mail: mfhzng@montana.com Phone: 406.542.2611 or 800.929.2611 Address: Montana Fair Housing 2522 S. 3 rd St. West, Missoula, MT 59804
Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity (FHEO) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	All Montanans	If you feel your housing rights have been violated, contact them. You may telephone or write HUD a letter, or download, complete, and return a complaint form to Denver.	You have one year after an alleged housing violation to file a complaint with HUD, but you should file it as soon as possible.	First visit the Web site for more detailed information. You can also write or telephone them for more assistance or to file a complaint. Web site: http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm Phone: 303.672.5437 or 800.877-7353 TTY: 303.672.5248 Address: Denver Regional Office of FHEO-HUD 1670 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202-4801
Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry Human Rights Bureau	Montana consumers	The Human Rights Bureau receives and investigates allegations of discrimination.		Please visit the Web site for information, then telephone if more assistance is needed. Web site: http://erd.dli.mt.gov/humanright/hrhome.asp Phone: 406.444.2884 or 1.800.542.0807 Address: 1625 11 th Ave., PO Box 1728, Helena MT 59624-1728



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Montana Legal Services Association	Low-income Montanans	Provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income Montanans. However, their Web site has helpful free legal information available to all low- and moderate-income Montanans.	Eligibility requirements must be met for certain services and assistance. The toll-free telephone numbers have designations for those residents in eastern or western Montana.	First visit the Web site for more detailed information, then telephone their toll-free hotline if more assistance is needed. Web site: www.montanalawhelp.org In <u>Western</u> Montana: Phone: 800.926.3144 --or-- 800.666.6899 In <u>Eastern</u> Montana: Phone: 800.999.4941
Montana Home Choice Coalition	Disabled Montanans	A coalition of Montana citizens, advocates, providers, federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, housing finance community, realtors, and home building industry working to create better housing choices for all people with disabilities.	Affordable, quality housing choices for seniors, adults, children and families with disabilities	You can visit the Web site for more detailed information. You can also e-mail or telephone them if more assistance is needed. Web site: http://65.19.192.3/awareinc/montanahomechoice/main.asp E-mail: montanahomechoice@aware-inc.org Phone: 406.449.3120 Address: A.W.A.R.E. 616 Helena Ave., Suite 305, Helena, MT 59601
Montana Advocacy Program	Montanans with mental and physical disabilities	They advocate for the human, legal, and civil rights of mentally and physically disabled Montanans. They operate several protection and advocacy programs, provide information and referral services, and will answer questions.	Must telephone between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM on weekdays.	Visit the Web site for more detailed information. You can also e-mail, fax or telephone them if more assistance is needed. Web site: http://www.mtadv.org/ E-mail: advocate@mtadv.org Phone: Voice/TDD 406.449.2344 or 1.800.245.4743 Phone weekdays between 9:00AM and 12:30PM FAX: 406.449.2418 Address: PO Box 168, 400 N. Park, 2 nd Floor, Helena MT 59624
Montana People's Action (MPA)	Low-income Montanans	They provide informational and referral services in housing matters. Members can accompany you to meetings with landlords or provide other assistance in locating and attaining housing.	MPA has offices in both Missoula and Billings, but they have a statewide network of members	Visit the Web site or contact them for more information on their resources and services. Web site: http://www.mtpaction.org/ E-mail: mpa@mtpaction.org <u>Missoula Office:</u> 208 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802 Phone: 406.728.5297 FAX: 406.728.4095 <u>Billings Office:</u> 822 Third Ave. N., Suite 210, Billings, MT 59101 Phone: 406.245.6106 FAX: 406.248.3400



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Billings Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB)	Billings residents	A nonprofit organization promoting fair and affordable housing in Billings. They provide trainers, speakers, brochures, and a Web site.		Visit their Web site or contact them for more information on their resources and services for Billings residents. Web site: http://home.mc.net/~chrb/ E-mail: chrb@mcn.net Phone: 406.256.9355 Address: PO Box 20126, Billings, MT 59104
Montana's Residential Landlord and Tenant Act	Montana residents	MCA 70-24 & -25 and Illegal Housing Discrimination: MCA 49-2 & -4		Web site: http://housing.mt.gov/Includes/S8/03lltact.pdf
Montana Law Help	Montana residents			Web site: http://www.montanalawhelp.org/MT/index.cfm
Bazon Center for Mental Health Law	Montanans with mental and physical disabilities	Fair housing information		Web site: www.bazon.org/issues/housing/index.htm E-mail: michaela@bazon.org to contact Dir. of Housing Prog. Address: 1101 15 th St. NW, Suite 1212, Washington, DC 20005
Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Housing	Disabled Montanans	Montana government Web site – Dept. of Labor & Industry		Web site: http://erd.dli.state.mt.us/humanright/housediscrimdisability.asp

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